

**WHITE CLOUD/SHERMAN
UTILITIES AUTHORITY
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

JUNE 30, 2004

Auditing Procedures Report

Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended.

Local Government Type <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Township <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other		Local Government Name White Cloud Sherman Utilities Authority	County Newaygo
Audit Date 6/30/04	Opinion Date 8/26/04	Date Accountant Report Submitted to State: 9/28/04	

We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the *Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan* by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

We affirm that:

1. We have complied with the *Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan* as revised.
2. We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the report of comments and recommendations

You must check the applicable box for each item below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 1. Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are excluded from the financial statements. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 6. The local unit has been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 8. The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL 129.241). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 9. The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as required by P.A. 196 of 1997 (MCL 129.95). |

We have enclosed the following:

	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of comments and recommendations.	✓		
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).			✓
Single Audit Reports (ASLGR).			✓

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WHITE CLOUD/SHERMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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Stanley Stroven, Sr.	Chairman
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Richard Besser	Trustee
Henry Bowman	Trustee
Christine Tiernan	Trustee
Gail Hitts	Recording Secretary

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Independent Auditor's Report

Utility Authority Board
White Cloud/Sherman Utilities Authority
Newaygo County
White Cloud, Michigan 49349

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the White Cloud/Sherman Utilities Authority, Newaygo County, Michigan, as of June 30, 2004 and for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the White Cloud/Sherman Utilities Authority, Newaygo County, Michigan, at June 30, 2004 and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management discussion and analysis included in the financial section of the table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. We did not examine this data and, accordingly, do not express an opinion thereon.

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As discussed in Note A, the Authority adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 34 during the current year. As a result, these financial statements present some new financial information.

Hendon & Slate, PC

Hendon & Slate, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants
August 26, 2004

**WHITE CLOUD/SHERMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004**

Using this annual Report

This annual report consists of two parts - *management's discussion and analysis* (this Section) and the *basic financial statements*. The Basic Financial Statements include the following information:

- The *government-wide financial statement* columns provide both *long-term* and *short-term* information about the Authority's *overall* financial status. The statement of net assets and the statement of activities provide information about the activities of the Authority as a whole and present a long-term view of the Authority's finances. These statements tell how these services were financed in short term as well as what remains for future spending.

The financial statements also include *notes* that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data.

Authority as a Whole

The White Cloud/Sherman Utilities Authority was organized to operate and maintain a sewage disposal system. The municipalities of The City of White Cloud and Sherman Township created the Authority.

The Authority's primary source of revenue is from user fees, representing 89% of total revenues. The user fee per quarter for the year ended June 30, 2004 was \$47.70 for residential users and \$47.70 times the assigned equivalent user factor for non-residential users. The Authority charges \$2,500, with a minimum \$750 down payment, for initial connections into the sewer system. The remaining balance may be financed by the Authority over 30 years at 6% interest. The Authority has passed a resolution (effective July 1, 2004) requiring the customer to pay the \$2,500 connection fee as well as being responsible for the fees to an independent contractor to make the connection. Previously, the Authority used the \$2,500 connection fee to pay the independent contractor for the connection. An additional change as part of the new resolution makes lateral repairs and maintenance 100% the responsibility of the customer. Previously, the Authority covered the cost of necessary lateral repairs.

The table below contains key financial information in a condensed format between the current year and the prior year:

	<u>2004</u>
Current Assets	\$ 479,717
Noncurrent Assets	<u>4,516,562</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 4,996,279</u>
Current Liabilities	\$ 64,695
Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>792,500</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 857,195</u>

Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)

	<u>2004</u>
Net Assets:	
Invested in Capital Assets-Net of Debt	\$ 3,105,165
Restricted	11,285
Unrestricted	<u>1,022,634</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 4,139,084</u>
Revenue:	
User Fees	\$ 318,834
Other	<u>40,014</u>
Total Revenues	358,848
Expenses	<u>(485,564)</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ (127,716)</u>

Governmental Activities

All of the Authority's financial information is for business-type activities. Therefore, no governmental activities are reported.

The Authority's Funds

The Authority uses an Enterprise Fund to account for the activities of its Sewer Fund.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Authority uses an Enterprise Fund to account for the activities of its Sewer Fund. Budgetary requirements do not exist for Enterprise Funds as they do for governmental-type funds such as a General Fund. Therefore, no budgetary highlights are reported.

Debt Administration

At year end, the Authority had \$842,500 in Notes outstanding. The Debt resulted from the issuing of Bonds for the purpose of creating the sewer system.

Additional information about the Authority's long-term Debt obligation can be found in Note D Page 15 of this report.

Economic Factors

The Authority's financial position improved over the prior year due to the following factors: 1) The Authority added customers; 2) An Industrial Park was recently constructed in the area which should lead to new businesses hooking into the system; 3) Several new businesses are proposing a move into the area which would lead to new customers hooking into the system; and 4) The resolution passed by the Authority regarding the changes to the connection fee and

Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)

responsibility for repairs and maintenance will decrease the expenditures the Authority will be responsible for in future years.

Contacting the Authority's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to demonstrate the Authority's accountability for the resources it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Recording Secretary of the Authority, White Cloud/Sherman Utilities Authority, C/O Gail Hitts, 60 W. Baseline Road, P.O. Box 725, White Cloud, MI 49349.

WHITE CLOUD/SHERMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Statement of Net Assets - Enterprise Fund June 30, 2004

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 351,103
Accounts Receivable-Billings	95,927
Inventory	6,051
Prepaid Expenses	<u>26,636</u>

Total Current Assets 479,717

Noncurrent Assets

Accounts Receivable-Tap Fees	557,612
Restricted Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	11,285
Property, Plant and Equipment (at cost)	\$ 7,326,226
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,378,561)</u>
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>3,947,665</u>

Total Noncurrent Assets 4,516,562

Total Assets \$ 4,996,279

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 9,411
Accrued Wages	2,073
Withholding Taxes Payable	3,211
Current Portion of Long Term Debt	<u>50,000</u>

Total Current Liabilities 64,695

Noncurrent Liabilities

Lease Payable-Net of Current Portion	<u>792,500</u>
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Total Noncurrent Liabilities 792,500

Total Liabilities 857,195

Net Assets

Invested in Capital Assets-Net of Debt	3,105,165
Restricted	11,285
Unrestricted	<u>1,022,634</u>

Total Net Assets 4,139,084

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$ 4,996,279

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

WHITE CLOUD/SHERMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets - Enterprise Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004

Operating Revenues

Sales

City of White Cloud	\$ 200,095
Sherman Township	118,739
Fees and Penalties	6,839
Miscellaneous	<u>25,962</u>

Total Operating Revenues 351,635

Operating Expenses

Legislative

Salaries	<u>4,900</u>
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Total Operating Expenses - Legislative 4,900

Operating Maintenance

Employee Wages	38,109
Operating Supplies	3,523
Utilities	30,646
Repairs and Maintenance	63,452
Other Services	<u>1,044</u>

Total Operating Maintenance 136,774

Depreciation 153,779

Administrative and General Expenses	
Employee Wages	\$ 65,464
Taxes - FICA	8,291
Retirement	8,386
Health Insurance	29,855
Professional Services	3,850
Office Supplies	3,368
Insurance	23,747
Miscellaneous	652
Memberships	865
Utilities	<u>2,195</u>
Total Administrative and General Expenses	<u>146,673</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>442,126</u>
Total Operating Loss	(90,491)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
Interest Earned on Investments	7,213
Interest Expenses	<u>(43,438)</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>(36,225)</u>
Change in Net Assets	(126,716)
Net Assets - July 1, 2003	<u>4,265,800</u>
Net Assets - June 30, 2004	<u>\$ 4,139,084</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

WHITE CLOUD/SHERMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Statement of Cash Flows - Enterprise Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash Received from Governmental Units	\$ 91,604
Cash Flows from Non Capital Financing Activities	
Principal and Interest Paid on Debt	(93,438)
Cash Flows from Investment Activities	<u>7,213</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,379
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	<u>357,009</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$ 362,388</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (loss) to Net	
Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Operating Income	\$ (90,491)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income	
To Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating	
Activities:	
Depreciation Expense	153,779
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in Accounts Receivable-Billings	6,094
Decrease in Accounts Receivable-Tap Fees	43,502
Increase in Prepaid Expenses	(25,100)
Increase in Accounts Payable	3,381
Increase in Withholding Taxes Payable	341
Increase in Accrued Wages	<u>98</u>
Net cash Provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 91,604</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

WHITE CLOUD/SHERMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2004

NOTE A NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the White Cloud/Sherman Utilities Authority (the "Authority") conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units.

In June 1999, the GASB issued Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments. In 2003-2004 the Authority adopted this statement. Certain of the significant changes in the Statement include the following:

- A Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the Authority's overall financial position and results of operations.
- Financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the Authority's activities.
- A change in the financial statements to focus on the major funds.

These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements (including notes to the financial statements).

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

1. REPORTING ENTITY

The White Cloud/Sherman Utilities Authority is organized pursuant to the provisions of Act 233 PA 1955, as amended. The Incorporating Municipalities creating this Authority are the City of White Cloud and Sherman Township, which are designated as the Constituent Municipalities. The Authority is located in Newaygo County and its purpose is to provide sewer system services to the residents of the Constituent Municipalities. The Authority is governed by a six member Utility Authority Board appointed by the participating governments and is responsible for the operation of the Authority.

The Utilities' financial statements include all activities of the Authorities' operations. There are no governmental departments, agencies, institutions, commissions, public authorities or organizations within the Authority, which its appointed officials may exercise oversight responsibility, that have been excluded. Oversight responsibility is considered to be derived from the Authority's power and includes, but is not limited to, financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of

management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters.

Also, using the same criteria above, the Authority's financial statements include the accounts of all Authority operations.

2. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

Proprietary funds use the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations that (A) are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise – where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (Expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (B) where the governing body has decided that the periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenue and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenue and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of our proprietary funds relate to charges to customers for sales and services. The sewer fund also recognizes the portion of tap fees intended to recover current costs (e.g., labor and materials to hook up new customers) as operating revenue. The portion intended to recover the cost of the infrastructure is recognized as nonoperating revenue. Operating expenses for proprietary funds include cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation of capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting the definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets which include land and improvements, buildings and improvements and equipment are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life on an asset are capitalized. The costs of normal repairs and maintenance that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Notes to the Financial Statement (Continued)

Machinery & Equipment	10 Years
Sewer System	50 Years

5. CASH AND EQUIVALENTS

The Authority's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short term investments, if any, with original maturities of three months or less from date of acquisition.

6. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable-billings represent services provided to customers within the service area. Delinquent utility billings are placed on the tax roll and are therefore considered to be ultimately collectible. Accounts receivable-tap fees represent amounts for original tap fees that have been financed by the Authority. The Authority permits the financing of these fees over 20 years at 6% interest.

7. RESTRICTED ASSETS

The revenue bonds of enterprise funds require amounts to be set aside for construction, debt service principal and interest, operations and maintenance, and a bond reserve. These amounts have been classified as restricted assets, as well as amounts on deposit being held for the construction or debt service of the Local Unit of Governments's sewer lines.

8. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

9. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognized bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources, while discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

NOTE B DEPOSITS

Legal or Contractual Provisions for Deposits and Investments. The Michigan Political Subdivisions Act No. 20, Public Acts of 1943, as amended through December 31, 1997, states the Authority by resolution, may authorize the Treasurer to invest surplus funds in one or more of the following:

- a. Bonds, securities and other obligations of the United States or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
- b. Certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a financial institution, but only if the financial institution complies with subsection (2).
- c. Commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.
- d. Repurchase agreements consisting of instruments listed in subdivision (a).
- e. Bankers' acceptances of United States banks.
- f. Obligations of this state or any of its political subdivisions that at the time of purchase are rated as investment grade by not less than one standard rating service.
- g. Mutual funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, Title I of Chapter 686, 54 Stat. 789, 15 U.S.C. 81a-1 to 801-3 and 80a-4 to 80a-64, with the authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a public corporation. However, a mutual fund is not disqualified as a permissible investment solely by reason of either of the following:
 - i. The purchase of securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.
 - ii. The ability to lend portfolio securities as long as the mutual fund receives collateral all times equal to at least 100% of the securities loaned.
 - iii. The limited ability to borrow and pledge a like portion of the portfolio's assets for temporary or emergency purposes.
- h. Obligations described in subdivisions (a) through (g) if purchased through an interlocal agreement under the Urban Cooperations Act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512.
- i. Investment pools organized under the surplus funds Investment Pool Act, 1982 PA 367, 129.111 to 129.118.
- j. The investment pools organized under the local government Investment Pool Act, 1985 PA 121, MCL 129.141 to 129.150.

The Authority funds are held at Independent Bank of West Michigan, Valley Ridge Bank, Fifth Third Bank and Gerber Employees Federal Credit Union and are carried at cost and consisted of the following:

Notes to the Financial Statement (Continued)

	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Independent Bank of West Michigan		
Checking	\$ (1,143)	\$ 10
Savings-Reserve	5,985	5,985
Savings-Replacement	5,300	5,300
NOW Account Money Market	131,125	131,125
Valley Ridge Bank		
Certificate of Deposit	106,138	106,138
Fifth Third Bank		
Checking	10,265	10,265
Gerber Employees Federal Credit Union		
Savings	104,437	104,437
Savings	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 362,388</u>	<u>\$ 363,283</u>
FDIC Insured	\$ 309,122	\$ 310,275
Uninsured	<u>53,266</u>	<u>53,008</u>
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 362,388</u>	<u>\$ 363,283</u>

Investments are normally categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Authority; however, money market and cash management funds are not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. Management believes the investments in the funds comply with the investment authority noted above.

NOTE C RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of year end are as follows:

Sewer Sales	\$ 76,586
Delinquent	19,341
Tap Fees	<u>557,612</u>
Total	<u>\$ 653,539</u>

The accounts receivable represent sewer sales to Customers in the Authority's service area. Customers are billed quarterly in advance for sewer services provided in the prior quarter.

Notes to the Financial Statement (Continued)

The Authority's policy is to place delinquent sewer receivables on the property tax rolls each year. The monies are eventually received through the county tax revolving fund program. Because of this policy, the about balances is considered current and collectible.

NOTE D NEWAYGO COUNTY DPW REVENUE BONDS

The Authority has a capitalized lease with GMAC Commercial Mortgage Corporation for the purchase of the sewer system assets. The Authority pays the lease out of revenues of the system. For the current year, the Authority paid interest of \$43,438 on the outstanding debt. The original amount of the capital lease was \$2,100,000. The City of White Cloud and Sherman Township are ultimately responsible for the debt. In the event that the Authority is unable to make debt service payments, the debt would be the responsibility of the City and Township as follows. The debt will be retired in the year 2020.

City of White Cloud	26.40 %
Sherman Township	<u>73.60</u>
	<u>100.00 %</u>

	<u>6/30/03</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>6/30/04</u>
Change in Debt	<u>\$ 892,500</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 842,500</u>

Amounts required to amortize the revenue bonds are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Outstanding 6/30/04</u>	<u>Interest Payable If Held to Maturity</u>	<u>Amount of Annual Maturity</u>
2005	5	\$ 50,000	\$ 42,500	\$ 95,000
2006	5	50,000	40,000	90,000
2007	5	50,000	37,500	87,500
2008	5	50,000	35,000	85,000
2009	5	50,000	32,500	82,500
2010-2020	5	<u>592,500</u>	<u>172,750</u>	<u>765,250</u>
		<u>\$ 842,500</u>	<u>\$ 360,250</u>	<u>\$ 1,202,750</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE E RESTRICTED NET ASSETS AND RESTRICTED CASH

By Board resolution, the Authority has restricted a portion of net assets for:

Bond Reserve Fund	\$ 5,985
Replacement Fund	<u>5,300</u>
	<u>\$ 11,285</u>

NOTE F PENSION PLAN

The Authority provides pension benefits to all of its full-time employees through a 403(b) defined contribution plan. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. As established by the Authority, the plan is funded by participants to the extent they elect to defer their compensation into the plan, and by a contribution from the Authority of 8% of each employee's gross regular-time wages. The Authority's contributions for each employee (plus interest allocated to the employee's account) are fully vested immediately upon deposit of the contribution by the Authority. During the year ended June 30, 2004 the Authority contributed \$8,386 on behalf of its employees.

NOTE G CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Assets balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2004 were as follows:

<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital Assets not being Depreciated				
Land	\$ 1,211	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,211
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Sewer Plant	7,234,028	-	-	7,234,028
Machinery and Equipment	<u>90,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,987</u>
Subtotal	7,326,226	-	-	7,326,226
Less Accumulated Depreciation for				
Sewer Plant	3,178,504	144,681	-	3,323,185
Machinery and Equipment	<u>46,277</u>	<u>9,099</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,376</u>
Subtotal	<u>3,224,781</u>	<u>153,779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,378,561</u>
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>4,101,445</u>	<u>153,779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,255,224</u>
Business-Type Activities Capital Total				
Capital Assets - Net of Depreciation	<u>\$ 4,101,445</u>	<u>\$ 153,779</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,947,665</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE H RELATED PARTIES

The White Cloud/Sherman Utilities Authority is the agent for sewer services for both Sherman township and the City of White Cloud.

NOTE I RESERVED RETAINED EARNINGS AND RESTRICTED CASH

By Board resolution, the Authority has reserved a portion of retained earnings for:

Bond Reserve Fund	\$ 5,985
Replacement Fund	<u>5,300</u>
	<u>\$ 11,285</u>

NOTE J RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Authority carries commercial insurance. Liabilities in excess of insurance coverage, if any, are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

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September 10, 2004

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Dear Board Members:

We have audited the financial statements of White Cloud/Sherman Utilities Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004. As part of our audit, we studied and evaluated the Authority's internal control. Because this study was only part of the overall audit plan, it is not intended to be a complete review of all your accounting procedures; and therefore, would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in your system. Accordingly, we offer the following comments and recommendations.

ACCOUNTING SYSTEM/GENERAL LEDGER

We would like to commend billing clerk on the condition of the books and records. Recent changes to the accounting software as well as a switch from the cash basis of accounting to the accrual basis of accounting for recording billing have greatly improved the integrity and accuracy of the Authority's records.

ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE/BILLING SYSTEM

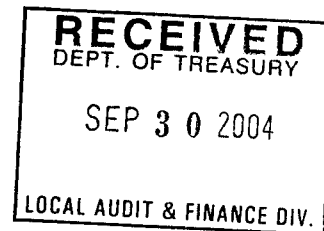
While the changes made by the billing clerk to switch the recording of billings from the cash basis to the accrual basis of accounting have improved the billing system, we are aware of another issue that could be improved. This issue relates to a problem with the "Outstanding Balances" report generated by the billing system. While the report is correct in total, it does show interest on principal amounts owed in two different places. The billing clerk is aware of this problem and has already made attempts to have this report reprogrammed by the author of the billing software.

We appreciate the courtesy extended to us during our audit. We will be happy to assist in the implementation of any of the recommendations set forth in this letter or to answer any questions regarding the audit.

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